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REMARKS

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1. Soldiers wearing red-bordered black or black-bordered black epaulets were observed in the ~~Dukla~~ Hrdinu (Dukla Heroes) Barracks in Slany (N 51/F 50) on 28 January 1954. No training activity was seen in the barracks yard. No heavy weapons were observed at the barracks installation or in the town. Some motor vehicles were parked in front of a barracks building which was guarded by sentries. Garages and wooden sheds were under construction in the western section of the barracks area which extended west of the town and on the south side of Turany (Q 50/X 70). No other military billets existed in Slany. No soldiers were observed in the town on 28 January 1954.<sup>1</sup>

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2. Soldiers who wore black-bordered red epaulets were seen at the barracks installation on the southwestern perimeter of Kladno (N 51/L 59), on the north side of Ul. Fierlingerova, on 29 January 1954. About 40 soldiers in squads of about 10 men received infantry combat training on the training ground near the installation. No construction activities were observed at the barracks installation.<sup>2</sup>

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3. On 27 January and 4 February 1954, several detachments each numbering about 30 soldiers carrying field packs and gas masks came through Stalin Street in Cheb (N 51/P 37), via the main railroad station toward the town perimeter. Some of the soldiers carried rifles, others targets, ammunition boxes and similar training equipment. The detachments included officers ranking up to captain wearing red service color. Some of the soldiers wore red collar patches. NCOs wore epaulets mounting two or three black crosstars.<sup>3</sup>

25X1 1.  Comment. The headquarters and the signal battalion of the 5th Mech Div are carried in Slany. From the service colors observed it is concluded that the barracks installation quarters are artillery or tank unit and an engineer unit. It is believed that the troops were absent at the time of observation.

25X1 2.  Comment. It is fairly definitely believed  soldiers of the 5th Mech Regt which is carried in Kladno. 25X1

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3.  Comment. Previous reports stated that an infantry unit is stationed at Cheb. The unit is believed to belong to the 9th Inf Regt which is carried in Cheb (Eger).

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